

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

THREE CENTS.

THE FIRST BIGHT ON FREE SILVER

Results in a Knockout in Favor of the Supporters of Bland.

A LACK OF LEADERS

On the Minority Side, Not Even Mike Harter Having a Word to Say.

SPEAKER CRISP IS TRIPPED UP

And Made to Rule on Both Sides of the Fence at the Same Time.

Tracy's Attempt at Filibustering a Most Miserable Fiasco—Wretched Work for a Would-Be Leader—The Speaker's Peculiar Rulings—A Ludicrous Little Episode—Two Liars on a Side, and They Let It Go at That—Violent Wrenching of Parliamentary Law—Widening of the Breach Between the Two Democratic Factions—The Party to Be Committed to Free Coinage Before the Conventions—Bland's Scheme to Go Through.

SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC LETTER.

BUREAU OF THE DISPATCH, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.

The first fight against free silver is past. The warriors on that side are not as handsome as they were before they went to the battle, but they are a great deal wiser. The largest force they could muster on the final vote on the rule to fix a day for consideration was 83, which is about ten short of the number counted on by Harter, Tracy and Williams, while the vote for consideration amounted up to about 110 more.

Harter Not Heard From at All.

Hon. Michael D. Harter, of Mansfield, O., was not heard from to-day. Harter is not an orator or a parliamentarian. He is simply a capitalist; an owner of money. He had the good sense in this struggle against the inevitable, to confine himself within the strict limits of his abilities, which stopped with securing signatures to a call for a caucus and with drumming up the anti-silver cohorts.

I fancy that Mr. Tracy, of New York, wishes he also had been quiet like Mr. Harter, for if ever an attempt at filibustering resulted in a miserable fiasco, his did to-day. Doubtless he knew it would end in defeat, and doubtless the only purpose he and others who took an active part in the affair with him was to show their constituents how bravely they waged a losing battle, but they might have gone to their death in a much more graceful way.

Wretched Work for a Leader.

There is a defeat that is almost victory, so artistic is the losing battle fought, but poor Tracy, who was put forward as the general of the little anti-silver army, made wretched work of it, exposing his weakest parts, failing to take advantage of opportunities, stammering and hesitating, and absolutely breaking down half a dozen times. Inexperienced himself, he had not a single associate of experience. All the leaders were on the other side.

But if Tracy blundered, the Speaker made a sorry exhibition of his skill in this, the first incident in which his ability as a parliamentarian has been at all exercised. Had he had for an antagonist anyone but a willing Tracy he would have been utterly put to rout, and, as it was, his rulings were shown to be painfully ridiculous. From the first it was evident he intended to force through the rule reported by the Committee on Rules, of which he is ex-officio a member, but he did so by violation of precedent and of the present rules which he assisted to invent, and the blundering arguments by which he sustained himself surprised everyone, and the general confidence in the ability of the Speaker to meet any parliamentary exigency or crisis is greatly shaken.

Speaker Crisp Sharply Criticized.

Never before did a presiding officer of any parliamentary body rule that it was proper to proceed to business before the reading of the Journal unless that reading were dispensed with by unanimous consent. Speaker Crisp not only ruled to-day that the Committee on Rules could, therefore, precede and supersede the reading of the Journal, but he endeavored to sustain his position by quotations from rules which plainly gave no such privilege, and ignored rules quoted against him which plainly took the ground from under his decision.

On minor rulings, also, he was in a perfect tangle, and really made a distressing exhibition of himself, as is admitted by his warmest champions. For instance, he permitted Tracy to farm out ten minutes of time to Mr. Tracy, and then ruled so as to take Tracy off the floor when he attempted to use the time he had reserved. The Speaker should have ruled that Mr. Tracy had no time to farm out, and that if he gave way to Fitch he surrendered the floor.

A Distressing Sort of Scene.

This and several similar blunders served to make the scene a very distressing one from the view of the parliamentarian, and in future trials the Speaker may expect to be quoted against himself to prove his extreme fallibility. Several times he retraced himself, as when he ruled that no motion could be entertained while the vote on the previous question was pending, and a moment later took it all back and informed Mr. Tracy that his motion to recommitt was in order.

Probably the handsomest Speaker Crisp received among the many parliamentary incidents with which he was pitted came from Representative Wilson, of West Virginia,

who, touching the ruling in regard to proceeding with other business before the reading of the Journal, suggested that possibly the reading of the Journal of Saturday might disclose that the rules by which the Speaker sought to maintain his ruling had been abrogated on that day. They had no means of discovering if this were the fact except by the reading of the Journal. The Speaker had no satisfactory reply to this trenchant point of order.

The Speaker's Opponents Missed.

Mr. Tracy exhausted himself in three dilatory motions, on each of which he succeeded in securing the calling of the roll, which, of itself, occupied about two and a quarter hours. He appealed from the decision of the Chair on the question of the reading of the Journal, and the roll was called on the motion of Mr. Bland to lay the appeal on the table. He raised the question of consideration as to the rule, but the Chair ruled that the matter of consideration could not be raised pending a call of the previous question; Tracy appealed and another roll call was had on a motion to lay this appeal on the table. On the motion to recommitt it, the roll was again called.

With this Mr. Tracy and his friends abandoned the fight, which they had conducted with a lack of skill which was almost equaled by the lack of judgment exhibited by the Speaker in his rulings. Two more motions were at their command to delay proceedings—a motion to adjourn or one to take a recess—and they could have compelled a vote and may vote on the question of adjournment, but they were equally unskillful and abandoned the field.

An Earnest and Pleasant Speech.

The brief time allowed for speaking after the previous question was ordered and before the vote was taken was a period of lively interest. The young and handsome Gov. Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, divided the first ten minutes about equally in denunciation of the Speaker's arbitrary rulings and prophecies of disaster for the Democratic party if the silver bill be passed. Mr. Williams is a very earnest, gifted and successful speaker, and his brief effort redeemed in a measure the anti-silver Democrats from the wholly unfavorable impression excited by the parliamentary mismanagement of their cause.

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almost normal, and he transacted some official business. That this was an imprudent act was shown the next day, when his temperature again reached a high point. The case yielded readily to treatment, however, and to-day the fever was much reduced and the patient was feeling better in every respect.

Secretary Blaine will probably be confined to the house for several days, and in the meantime will not be allowed to attend to any kind of business. He may be able to attend the Cabinet meeting Friday, but he certainly will not attend the meeting to-morrow.

ONE CONGRESSMAN DEAD.

Representative Kendall, of Kentucky, Stricken With Paralysis.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Special.)—Representative John W. Kendall, of Kentucky, was stricken with paralysis this morning at 9 o'clock, and died at 20 minutes past 10 o'clock to-night. His condition continued to grow worse from the time he was stricken until he died. He was unconscious at the time, and expired without a struggle. His wife, one of his sons, and other friends were with him when he died. The remains will be taken to West Liberty, Ky., his former home, where the interment will be made.

Mr. Kendall served throughout the late war, holding the position of First Lieutenant and Adjutant of the Tenth Kentucky Confederate Cavalry. It is probable that as a consequence of Mr. Kendall's death, the beginning of the tariff debate in the House will be delayed until Wednesday, as the House, in conformity with its usual custom on the death of a member, will adjourn shortly after meeting, to-morrow, out of respect to his memory.

SPRINGER HOLDS HIS OWN.

A Slight Return to Delirium and Coma, but He's Not So Nervous.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Representative Springer's condition to-night is not materially changed. He has passed a comfortable day. "Taking the noon statement as a basis," says Dr. Vincent, "Mr. Springer has held his own, and is as well to-night as he was this morning. He began the night under favorable conditions. There has been a very slight return of delirium and coma this evening, but a slight improvement has followed. The street noises which had disturbed the patient have been reduced to a minimum. The effect is beneficial, and the super-sensitiveness to which he was subject has in some measure been allayed, which the doctor regards as favorable.

WILL PULVERIZE RUSSIA.

The Kaiser's Worst Break at Brandenburg. Hitherto Unpublished—The Czar Sends Back a Defiant Answer to Wilhelm's Threat Through German's Ambassador.

LONDON, March 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard recounts, under reserve, a startling story in connection with the German Emperor's Brandenburg speech. The correspondent says that a gentleman who was present at the Brandenburg banquet when Emperor William made his memorable speech, remarked to the Emperor, "Your Majesty should not forget Russia." To this remark Emperor William is said to have retorted, "I will pulverize Russia."

When General Count von Schuvaloff, the Russian Minister at Berlin, was apprised of this remark, and upon investigation found that what he had heard was true, he immediately acquainted M. de Giers, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, with the facts in the case, who repeated his remarks to the Emperor. The Emperor's reply to the Czar. The latter announced to his presence General von Schuvaloff, and German Ambassador at St. Petersburg, and after recounting to him the statement by M. de Giers, said: "Tell your Emperor that when he will begin pulverizing I will throw 200,000 men across the frontier with the greatest pleasure."

POLITICS WITH RELIGION.

Has Bigoted Clevelanders Insisted on Making Such a Combination?

CLEVELAND, O., March 7.—(Special.)—To-morrow night Bishop Horstmann of Philadelphia, recently appointed to the diocese of Northern Ohio, is expected to reach this city. The City Council and Board of Control were invited to participate in the exercises attendant upon his coming, and accepted. To-day, at the regular meeting of the Board of Control, Congressional and Methodist ministers' resolutions were adopted severely censuring the city officials.

There is a general feeling of hostility among the native-born citizens of Cleveland at the acceptance of the invitation. The city is severely criticized, and as it just immediately precedes an important municipal election, it is likely to precipitate the question of religion into the coming campaign. The Catholics have made elaborate preparations to receive their new Bishop.

SEE PREPARED FOR DEATH.

The Wife of a Chicago Man Takes Poison in a Fit of Pique.

RICHMOND, Ind., March 7.—Mrs. Jennie McCracken committed suicide last night in a novel manner. After taking an ounce of cyanide of potassium she went to her room and hurriedly prepared herself for death. The poison threw her into convulsions that attracted the other occupants of the house, who, bursting in the room, found her dying. Her death occurred 15 minutes after the poison was taken. She was the wife of Edgar McCracken, a prominent business man of Chicago. It is supposed that his refusal to leave Chicago and come here to reside among her relatives caused her to suicide.

TEN MEN DROWNED.

The Wreck of a Philadelphia Ship Involves a Loss of Fully \$250,000.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—Shipping circles are startled to-day by the report of the abandonment in mid-ocean of the new bark Inverrossachs, involving a loss up of \$250,000 to the underwriters. Ten men are said to have perished.

The news was received from Captain Deuchers, of the tanker Bow Creek, which vessel has arrived from Penzance, bound from Baltimore to Rotterdam. The Mendelssohn signaled the had on board 25 men and the crew of the Inverrossachs. The Inverrossachs was manned by a crew of 36 men, and it is believed the other ten have perished.

SEVERAL SUITS FOR DAMAGES.

To Be Brought by Families of Murdered Italians in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—(Special.)—The families of a number of the Italians who were killed in the parish prison affair of March 14 have instructed their cases to Judge Anthony Sambola, who will bring suits for damages against the city of New Orleans as responsible for their death because of the failure of its authorities to take any proper steps to give the men police protection from the mob. The suits are already prepared, and the Government having taken no steps to indemnify the families, it is expected that the suits will be brought to-day.

DEMOCRATS NOT LOST IN IOWA.

IOWA CITY, La., March 7.—In the city election to-day the Republicans elected five

BIG FOUR SPLIT UP.

Depew and Hiscock for Harrison, While Miller and Platt Are Not.

POLITICAL PILGRIMAGES.

Dick Quay Looking for His Papa in Philadelphia To-Night.

MORRISON IS AGAINST PALMER.

General Alger Announces His Candidacy for the Presidency.

HILL'S COMING SOUTHERN JOURNEY.

Special Telegram to the Dispatch.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Ex-Senator Warner Miller is giving his attention to business, nowadays. Mr. Burleigh said today, to-day, that he did not believe Mr. Miller intended to make any fight for delegates to the Albany convention on April 28. While Mr. Miller is a very busy man, there is another explanation of his inattention to political affairs in the State just at this moment. The explanation, according to one of his friends, is that the Harrison question he and Ex-Senator Platt are agreed. Depew and Hiscock are for Harrison.

GREEN TO SUCCEED BRADLEY.

The President's Mind Made Up on the Supreme Judgeship.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—(Special.)—In administration circles the impression prevails that the President intends to appoint the successor of the late Mr. Justice Bradley with as little delay as possible. The nomination may go to the Senate within the present week, for it is understood the President has about concluded to nominate Judge Edward J. Green, of Trenton, N. J., now United States District Judge of that State. Judge Green is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the three judicial circuits, and his record, together with his indorsements, have made a favorable impression upon the President.

One of the big four said to-day: "While Platt and Miller do not like Harrison, the convention at Albany will adopt commendatory resolutions of the President's administration. You can't go back on your own hand, can you? But those resolutions will mean little or nothing, for if a candidate can be found around whom a solid opposition to Harrison can be built, the present incumbent of the White House and his friends will be compelled to do some hustling to capture the New York State delegation."

Florida is just now the mecca of both Democratic and Republican statesmen. Colonel Daniel S. Lamont is there, and he was joined to-day by Smith M. Weed. Commissioner Gilroy is also on the ground and Senator Fasset is on his way South also.

It had been said that Colonel Lamont is on the sick list. A DISPATCH reporter asked ex-Franklin G. Dyer, "Is the Colonel sick?" The answer was: "No, no; I don't think he is very sick. I guess the Colonel is all right."

DON DICKINSON ON DECK.

He Is Talked of as a Running Mate for Grover Cleveland.

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